

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2006. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments. In this paper, Applicants have canceled the claims presently under rejection. This action is taken merely to facilitate prosecution and should not be interpreted as acquiescence to or acceptance of any statements made by the Examiner in the pending Office Action. In particular, claims 1-8 and 10-12 have been canceled, leaving allowed claims 16-17 and 21-23 pending. Withdrawn claims 18-19 remain pending. As claims 18-19 depend from an allowed generic claim, Applicants believe that claims 18-19 should be brought back into prosecution and should be allowed. Thus, claims 16-19 and 21-23 should be allowed. Entry and consideration of this After-Final Amendments is respectfully requested.

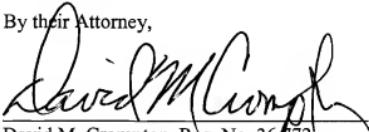
Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Peters et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,549,552, in view of Krahne et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,470,923. Claims 1-8 and 10-12 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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